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New building put on hold

Construction bids for \$10.8 million business complex 13 percent over budget

By Steve Castaneda
el Don Managing Editor

SANTA ANA CAMPUS - The dream of a new business building is turning into a nightmare for RSC as construction costs have forced a delay in the groundbreaking of the \$10.8 million complex.

According to Administrative dean Bob Par-

tridge, contractors bids for the building were higher than estimated. The lowest bid was 13 percent over the state allocated budget, forcing school trustees to request more state monies to begin construction.

An augmentation would give the school the additional 13 percent needed to finance the project.

The RSC Chancellor's office and the state

Department of Finance have researched reasons why the project should go on as originally planned.

"Both parties came to the conclusion that it would be a waste of time and money to rebid the project and that the school should stay with the original bid," said Partridge.

If the augmentation does not pass, RSC would have to slash more than \$1 million off the \$10.8 million original design of the building and cause a rebid on the already delayed complex.

RSC has provided detailed information

about the new building and also included a copy of the bids to show the rising cost of construction.

"If the project is given the go ahead, it should take at least 18 months to complete. This means that students would be occupying the new building by the fall of 1996. We are very hopeful that the augmentation will be approved," said Partridge.

A decision by the state Legislative Analyst's Office is expected by Sept. 15 on whether or not RSC will be given the money needed to complete the building as planned.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

President seeks unity

By Sheri Behbahani
el Don News Editor

ASG President Nate Durdella takes on the responsibilities of student government with several goals in mind. Recently he took time out of his busy schedule to answer some questions about his plans and encourage students to get involved in their school government.

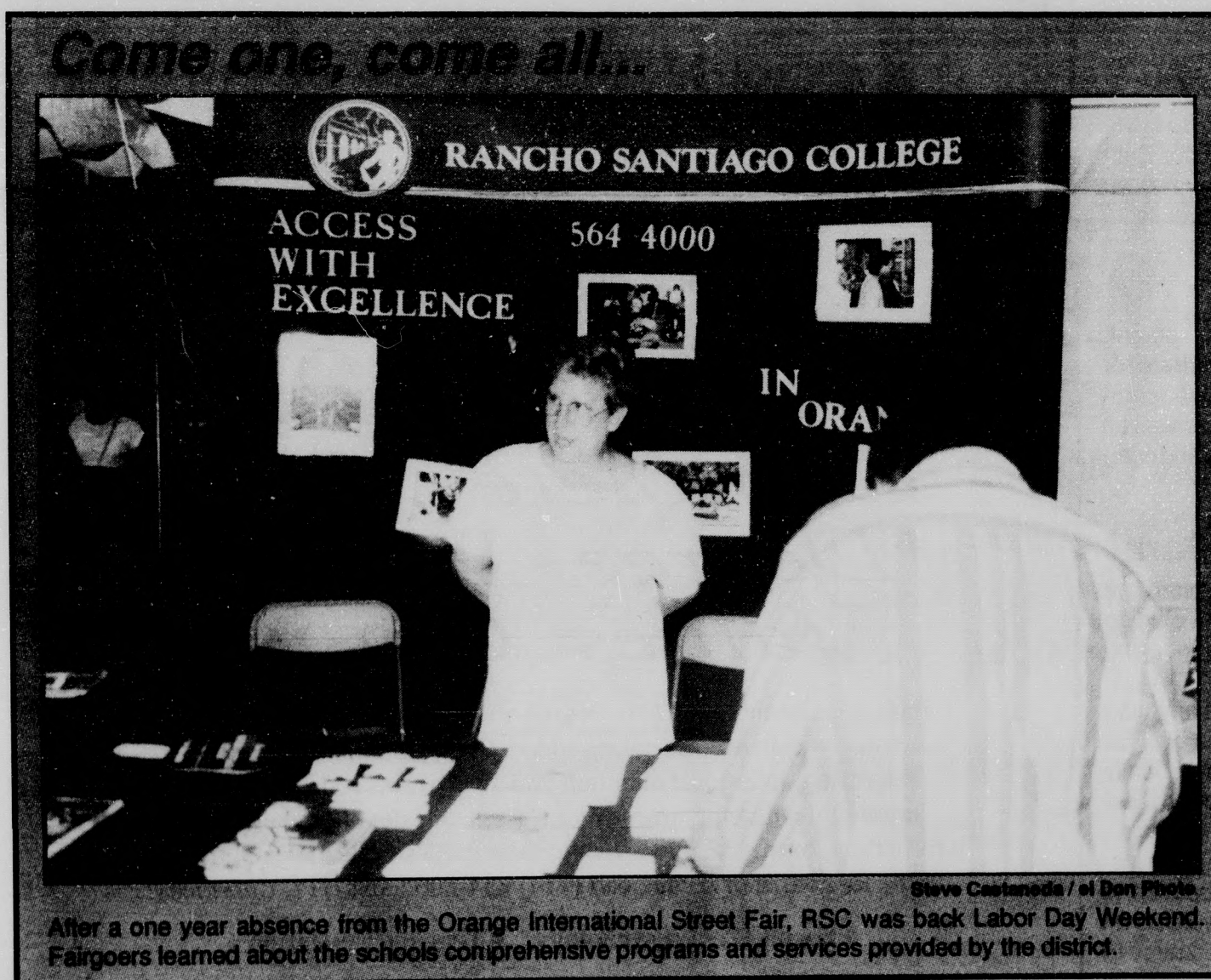
Question: What is your background?

I'm originally from Cleveland. I come from a very traditional family. I have an older brother and a younger sister. I graduated from Mater Dei High School in 1993. My senior year there, I was in athletics and I lettered in track. This is my third regular semester here at Rancho.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

To tell you the truth--I study. I really don't go out a lot. I just spend time with my family and my girlfriend. I've

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Q&A
with
Nate Durdella

After a one year absence from the Orange International Street Fair, RSC was back Labor Day Weekend. Fairgoers learned about the schools comprehensive programs and services provided by the district.

News Feature

Roy Robbins was once a laid off aerospace worker but after enrolling in RSC's ten week business ownership program he is the now King of his own book store. Robbins, 38, had been a senior process engineer for 11 years before he volunteered to be

laid off from Hughes Aircraft in Newport Beach in April 1993.

"Towards the end of my career at Hughes I became frustrated because I wanted to be out on my own. I wanted to channel the energy of everything I do for myself instead of for someone else," he said.



BOOKED UP

RSC business student Roy Robbins turned his passion for books into a new career

By Torsha Weathers

Robbins had been working part-time at his home based mail-order business called Bad Moon Books and did work for local book stores.

Prior to leaving Hughes Robbins enrolled in the Business Ownership Service System

(BOSS) training program which is sponsored by Rancho Santiago College.

Susan Fox, the Director and Creator of the BOSS program said the classes are taught by industry professionals.

"They are trainers, not teachers. Like attor-

neys, accountants, marketing, advertising and sales people. They come right out of their own businesses to teach the students how to operate their own business," said Fox.

Robbins was nervous about being back in a classroom atmosphere but his own motivation helped him through it.

"I wasn't sure about how far my study skills had eroded. After you've been out of school for a long period of time, going back can be tough because you get out of the habit of the discipline and actually sitting down and doing work. I acclimated very quickly and got right back into it. I had a goal I wanted to meet," he said.

Once the program ended Robbins started to work on his mail-order business full-time.

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Campus / Briefly

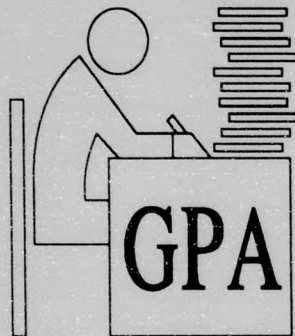
Studying Pays

Washington (CPS)-The higher your grade point average, the more likely you will land a high-paying job after college, a recent study suggests. According to "The Generation X Recruitment

Study," conducted by the Hannigan Consulting Group, companies hiring recent college grads may care more about potential employees' grades than their leadership experience.

The study found that students with GPAs of 3.5 and higher on a 4.0 scale receive 15.7 job interviews and 3.1 job offers. Those with GPAs of 3.18 - the

average GPA of students interviewed - get 11.3 interviews and 2.6 job offers. "Some companies will just look at a GPA as a badge of honor to say they plucked this student from this campus with this GPA," said Thomas Oh, a Hannigan senior research associate.



Trustee To Commission

RSCCD Trustee Tom Saenz was appointed to a two-year term on the Commission on Trustee and Staff Development for the Community College League of California.

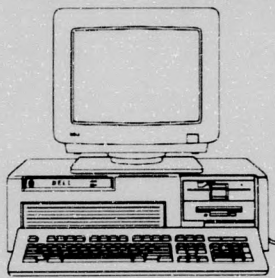
The commission's responsibilities include guiding the league's state conventions, developing employee hiring practices, formulating educational policy and handling governmental issues for community college districts throughout the state.

Accountants Give Money

RSC has received a grant for \$4,537 from the Orange County/Long Beach Chapter of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants. The grant money will be used to purchase a notebook computer and a LCD display for use in classroom presentations.

Through the use of the equipment, instructors will be able to demonstrate for students how to prepare the required computer based assignments, as well as demonstrate other concepts and commercial software packages.

New Funds



'Historically Important' Porn

ITHACA, N.Y. (CPS)- Universities are often the recipients of some pretty unique gifts, including original manuscripts, historical documents and classic works of art. But porno movies?

Most academics will tell you that most anything is worth collecting in the name of research. So when someone offered to obtain 100 "historically important" erotic films for Cornell University, school officials jumped at the chance.

The unidentified donor will contribute an assembly of 100 pornographic films and videos to Cornell's Human Sexuality Collection, which is an assembly of materials that serve as a resource of cultural and political examples of sexuality in society.

-Compiled by Darlyn Lee

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The heat is on...



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Returning students Robert Lopez and Margie Valdez frolic in the sunshine and water on RSC's Santa Ana campus. Temperatures reached into the 90s during the second week of classes making concentration on studies difficult.

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BOOKS - business student gets new start

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"The principles I learned in the BOSS program I was immediately able to apply to my business. My retail sales through my mail order business in the first year were almost \$65,000. That's not too bad for a new business," he said.

The success of Bad Moon books led Robbins to the next step, which was to open his own book store, Book King, with his partner Barry Pines, an ex-aerospace worker, this past June.

"I wrote a rather detailed business plan when I was in the BOSS program and I had actually planned to open a book store two years down the road. My mail order business, as a result of being in the BOSS program, did so well that I was able to open it two years prior to when I actually envisioned opening it," he said.

Robbins was honored by the National Job Partnership Act Alumni Aug 31, and received its annual Recognition Award from among thousands of applicants around the country.

"He was in the Title 3 group which is for laid off and dislocated workers and he was nominated among all the Title 3 graduates of programs all over the country. He won the award nationally for overcoming disabilities and succeed-



BOOKED

Former aerospace worker Roy Robbins was brought back to earth, when he lost his job of 11-years with Hughes Aircraft. Through a training program at RSC, Robbins has discovered a new world.

Alex Do / el Don Photo

ing," said Fox.

Robbins has received a lot of attention since opening his store but he still has his goals in order.

"My goal right now is to make Book King successful and show a profit at the end of the year," he said.

Chancellor Vivian Blevins is proud of the BOSS program and its objectives.

"It's my sense that the BOSS program is an exemplary example of the community college assessing a problem. The problem, of course, is the downsizing in the military and the laying off of aerospace workers.

This program exemplifies the power of the community colleges to positively impact people's lives," said Blevins.



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- ASG President
Nate Durdella

NATE: ASG President profile

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never been one to go out on weekends.

Q: What will ASG do for the students at RSC?

At this point what we want to do is invite students into our student government. First, ASG wants students to participate. We want students to communicate with us through the various events the ASG will hold throughout the year. ASG wants to definitely communicate and reach out to each student. The organization welcomes people into its activities and events. I think ASG needs to work hard on breaking stereotypes, not only about student government, but all students.

Q: Are you going to use your presidency as a stepping stone to higher political offices, as did some of your predecessors?

No, I'm not really interested in politics. I am really interested in law. Law is what I want to get myself into.

Q: What are your main goals to accomplish while you are president of ASG?

First, we want to promote human kindness. We must provide an atmosphere here at RSC where stereotypes and labels do not exist.

Next, we want to focus on student goals. Students need to believe that ASG can help them reach the goals that they are striving for.

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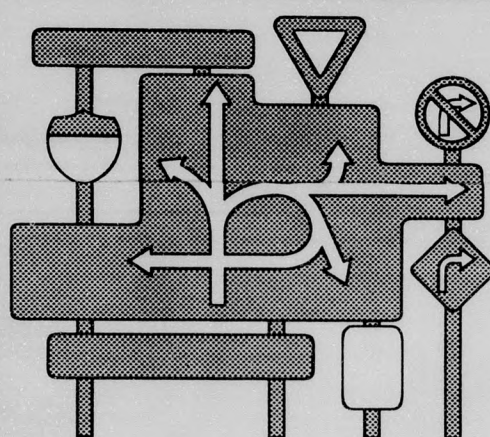
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Chit Chat



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OPEN YOUR MIND: Local storytellers spin their tales at the new Cornerstone Cafe in Costa Mesa. Performances are showcased on the last Friday of every month and feature about three storytellers. The shows boast an eclectic mix, from children to creative anti-establishment types. Telling both original and classical tales, the artisans weave a web of such wonder and fascination, the crowd often swells to 100. Stories range from about 5-20 minutes, are free of charge and yes, usually have a moral. For more information call : (714) 646-5776.

Sound Bites



DUMMIES IN 'DA HOUSE: Buckle your seatbelts, the Crash Test Dummies blow into L.A.'s House of Blues on Oct. 4-5 with a smashing musical menu. A folk band with an Irish flair, they generate quirky, interesting lyrics, poke fun at society and respect the intellect of their fans. With front-man Brad Roberts' dry humor and unusual voice - he's the only baritone in rock - the house is sure to roll. Tickets are \$22.50. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Free Stuff



THE FASHION PLATE: Sculptor and performance artist, Lun nah Menoh, serves up a tasty fashion treat with "Boutique Mystique." The exhibit is described as wearable sculpture inspired by surrealism. It's featured at Laguna Art Museum's South Coast Plaza Satellite, near Carousel Court. Continues through Dec. 4. Free.

- Compiled by Gina Reidinger



SO SULTRY, SO SOPHISTICATED, SEW SANDRA

Designer Sandra Harvey in her Newport Beach boutique. "I enjoy power in a woman. I try to capture that in my designs."

Casting a Spell



FASHION FAIRYTALE

Megan Nesselrod models a Sandra Harvey jersey skirt and top spotlighted at the designer's shop.

Text and Photos by
Gina Reidinger

Sandra Harvey's hypnotic threads deliver a little magic

Trizzle trazzle trizzle twirl, make me a "Sandra Harvey Girl." Newport Beach's goddess of glamour, fashion designer Sandra Harvey, conjures up creations so magical, grunge divas and socialites alike are finding themselves bewitched.

Harvey, 34, who began her gig in the rag trade out of her garage when she was just 17, attributes her success to her natural instinct for design and genuine love of women.

"I never betray any woman, ever," she said. "I want to instill in women that they can be beautiful."

The Sandra Harvey Boutique caters to a long list of society women, yet has cultivated a cult following among the younger

generation. Her fashions reflect the elegance of the 20s but are very forward with a punk edge, and contain a vintage line.

"I call them 90s-female-elegant. They don't intimidate. Both men and women look at and appreciate the clothes and ask where they were bought," Harvey said.

"A woman who wears a Sandra Harvey design will get a compliment every time she puts it on," she said.

"Everything I design, I design for myself first. If it doesn't look good on me, then I won't sell it," she said.

Because of the clothing's provocative flair, those daring enough to wear her designs get attention - lots of it.

"People say that each dress casts a magic spell. People are always asking me if Sandra is a witch," said Maria Iskander, an associate of the designer.

"Women become transformed when they put on my clothes. They become powerful," Harvey said.

Garments selected at the boutique can be restyled to fit a specific figure. Minor alterations are free of charge. Prices range from \$50-\$300. Fans can also look forward to another store due to open up in SoHo District, New York within the year.

Haute couture is not her only niche. Her new fragrance, Dagger, premieres in about two months and combines the aroma of magnolias and gardenias.

Her husband Dana suggested the name. "He says I'm so tragically romantic, and I am. Passion and love are like a dagger. They can destroy you," she said.

She ought to know - she's writing a book on medieval weaponry with an expert that will be published next year.

etc.

ReViEw

Is man born with the urge to kill, or is he a product of a society that teaches violence?

By Thomas Mazzone

Oliver Stone's latest movie, *Natural Born Killers*, is an on-target dark, violent satire that demonstrates both society's and the media's reactions to violence.

It's a non-stop blood bath from the opening scene. Set in a Midwestern diner, when Mickey (Woody Harrelson) and Mallory Knox (Juliette Lewis) shoot and kill all but one customer; sparing him so he can "tell the tale."

Stone asks an age-old question: "Is man born with the urge to kill, or is he a product of an environment that teaches violence?"

Throughout the film, Stone depicts these characters as victims of severe family dysfunction.

The twisted mock sitcom, "I love Mallory," recreates Mallory's home life complete with bad one-liners and a laugh track.

Rodney Dangerfield plays Mallory's abusive father who rapes her and torments her clueless mother and obnoxious brother.

Mickey's problems begin as a child when he witnesses his father's suicide, and from that moment on, ceases to be the same joyous kid.

Stone also pokes fun at our fascination with criminals. After the two are arrested and are on their way to court, a maddening crowd of "fans" support their heroes by waving signs such as "Murder Me Mickey" or declaring "Mickey and Mallory are the coolest thing to happen to mass murderers since Manson."

All the characters are rich and colorful in their respective roles, and each has a deep obsession with murder for one reason or another.

Standouts include Robert Downey Jr., who delivers a brilliant performance as ruthless and sleazy tabloid journalist Wayne Gale.

Gale hosts "American Maniacs," a parody on our own Hard Copy-type shows and will literally stop at nothing to get the story.

Juliette Lewis is eerie as the angst-ridden, self-destructive Mallory.

Each scene is visually gripping and aided by constant, powerful changes in color and film speed.

Whether you're concerned or fed up with bloody glove updates, this movie supplies food for thought and is worth a shot if you can get around the violence.



STONE COLD KILLERS

Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

Juliette Lewis and Woody Harrelson are Mickey and Mallory Knox in Oliver Stone's satire on violence and the American media.

THE BUZZ IN O.C.




Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

FLICKS

THE RIVER WILD: On a white-water vacation that runs amok, Meryl Streep fights the elements and evil to keep her family alive in this suspense-thriller. Opens Sept. 30.

CULTURE

TEA TIME: Enjoy the romance of Victorian England during high tea at the McCharles House in Tustin. A nice coffee alternative.

STAGE

POETRY READING: Former RSC student, Lori Christian and faculty member, Melinda Womack will read their works at Chapman University at 8 p.m. on Sept. 17.

Arts

EXHIBIT

VISIONS OF CALIFORNIA: The story of California Scene Painting opens Sept. 14 at the Irvine Museum and features works by Phil Dike.




Photo courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence Crowe

Opinion

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Staff Editorials

Come on California, give us a break

It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that the only thing delaying the construction of the new Cesar Chavez Business and Technology Center on the Santa Ana campus is the state of California's inability to focus on what is really important, education.

It has been nearly two years since bulldozers were to begin tearing down the A-building, but because of financial haggling and state regulations, the only construction that has been going on here is the state's many excuses for why the complex is not underway.

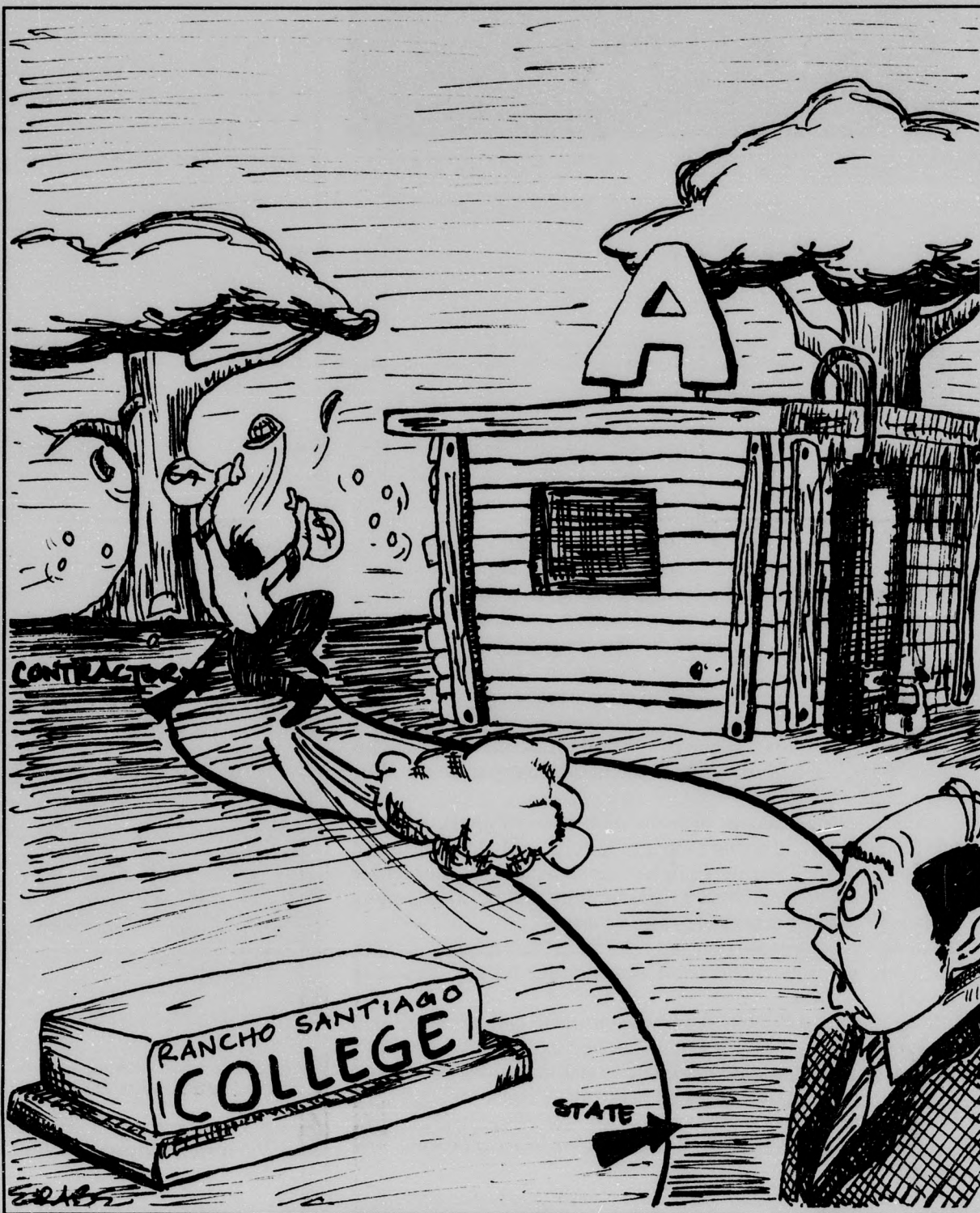
Since 1992, when demolition was to begin, building costs have raised the ante on the project by more than \$1 million.

As the situation stands, state officials must decide on whether or not it will give the college the additional funds to begin construction or further delay the new center.

RSC has made all the right moves to get this project underway. All of the private contractors provided fair bids on the planned area, all of which were over the allocated budget of \$10.8 million. Sadly, if the state would have funded the project on-time, there would be a new building for students to enjoy this fall. Instead, students, faculty and staff are now enjoying the confines of mobile classrooms and offices on the college's north forty.

The situation comes down to the state's decision on whether or not to allocate funds to RSC. This decision will have long-term repercussions for us students. If the state decides to ignore the needs of RSC, the school will have to make cost cutting measures which will subtract from the quality of the complex.

The state ought to recognize that the training of future employees, business, and political leaders are of paramount importance. Thanks a lot, Mr. Wilson, we'll remember this.



Staff Editorials

Make sure you don't become a victim . . .

There seems to be a new kind of rapist in our society. He still fits the common traits of a rapist, but now he's looking out for his own long-term interest. He's wearing a condom.

The reasons vary, but the three most common theories are that the rapist doesn't want to leave any genetic evidence, they don't want to catch AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases, and putting on a condom seems to be a part of the control the rapist exerts over the victim.

So why are we telling you this? Three reasons. A young woman was raped on this campus last February and it can happen again.

Second, our main campus is not in the most charming part of the city, and one must always be prepared for anything while walking around the parking lots of



Santa Ana. Lastly, a victim stands a better chance of putting the rapist behind bars if they can provide a powerful courtroom testimony in lieu of a DNA test.

We don't want to imply that there's a rapist waiting behind every parked car, but students need to be made aware of what's been occurring.

DNA tests may help in con-

victing a rapist, but a victim who can provide plenty of strong evidence and is active in the criminal conviction process is a huge asset to themselves and society.

Staff Editorials

Education is key at population conference

This global-population conference currently being held in Egypt seems very well intended. After all, the world is very over-populated, but making all of humanity come to a consensus on how to handle such sensitive subjects as abortion and birth-control seems like an impossible dream.

On one side of the fence is Norway, who is demanding a general legalization of abortion world-wide. Then there are the Catholics and Muslims who are against abortion and artificial birth-control.

The one country who seems to be continually riding the fence is the United States. The Reagan-Bush Administrations were anti-abortion, and now the Clinton camp is pro-abortion. Leave it to the United States to confuse the issue.

It seems that the best means to population reduction is through education. Lets hope our world leaders agree.

Sports

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Dons' Cross Country Preview '94



MEN'S TEAM

4 Miles Fastest Time/YR

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 Joe Saucedo 21:00/SO Loara H.S.
 Gerado Valencia (5K) 16:02/FR . S.A. Valley H.S.
 Jose Rangel (5K) 15:58/SO Santiago H.S.
 Francisco Vazquez 20:45/SO S.A. Valley H.S.
 Jose Torres 20:59/SO S.A. Valley H.S.
 Ty Wynn 21:16/SO El Modena H.S.
 Juan Lara FR Santiago H.S.
 Federico Duran FR Santa Ana H.S.
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 Jorge Francisco 21:12/SO Santa Ana H.S.



WOMEN'S TEAM

3 Miles Fastest Time/YR

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 Gabriele Alvarez 23/SO S.A. Valley H.S.
 Ruby Perez FR Santa Ana H.S.
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 Myra Perez 22:47/FR Santa Ana H.S.
 Eva Castellon 20:19/FR Los Amigos H.S.

A look at '93

Last season was a successful one for both the men's and women's cross country team. The men's team placed first in the Orange Empire Conference and the women placed fourth.

At the state meet in Fresno, the men's team finished in eighth place and the women placed 14th.

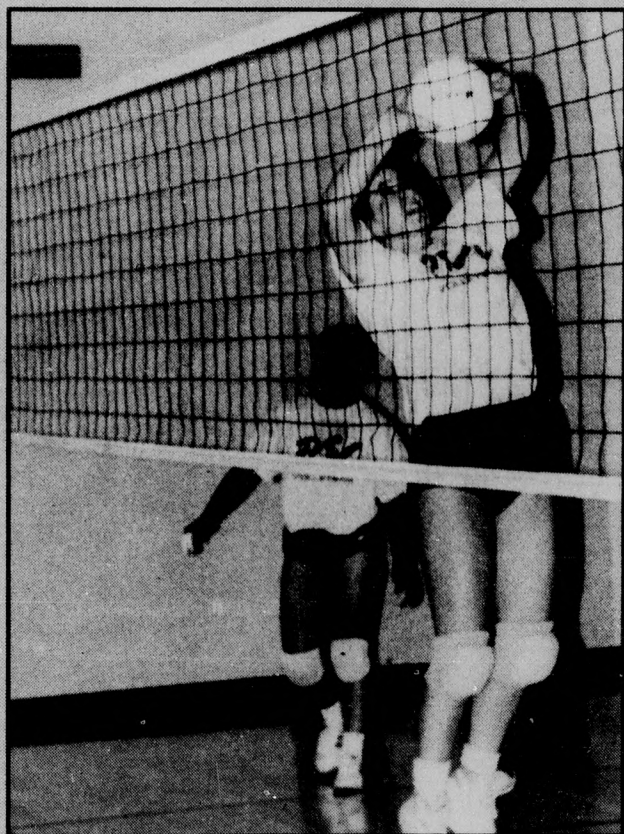
Fidel Vazquez and Jorge Francisco were named to the All Conference Orange Empire Team. Sonia Perez received All American Status for finishing in top 25. Perez was also a member of the All Conference Team.

1994 Schedule

DATE OPPONENT TIME

9/9 Fresno Invitational 9 a.m.
 9/17 Orange Empire 10 a.m.
 9/30 Lou Vasquez 9 a.m.
 10/7 Irvine Park 3 p.m.
 10/15 Santa Barbara 10 a.m.
 10/29 Moorpark 10 a.m.
 11/5 Orange Finals 2:30 pm
 11/19 State Meet 10 a.m.

Women's Volleyball



SETTING THEM UP
 Kathy Farina leads the Dons with 6.37 sets per game and is ranked 4th in the Orange Empire Conference.

Alex Do / el Don photo

Dons set to spike Conference

By Bernie Sanders Jr
 el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA CAMPUS - Coming off an 0-11 record two seasons ago, restructuring was a key issue with Rancho's womens volleyball program. It started last year with Head Coach Fran Cummings bringing in a brigade of freshman who would take the program from a winless season to an impressive finish in the conference.

"We are starving for a conference title," said Brenda Parks who lead the Dons in kills and was second in digs last season.

Also, RSC has outstanding returning players like Michelle Cornette, a middle blocker and Kathy Farina who was fourth in the conference in set assist with 6.37 per game.

Parks and Farina made all-conference sec-

ond team last season.

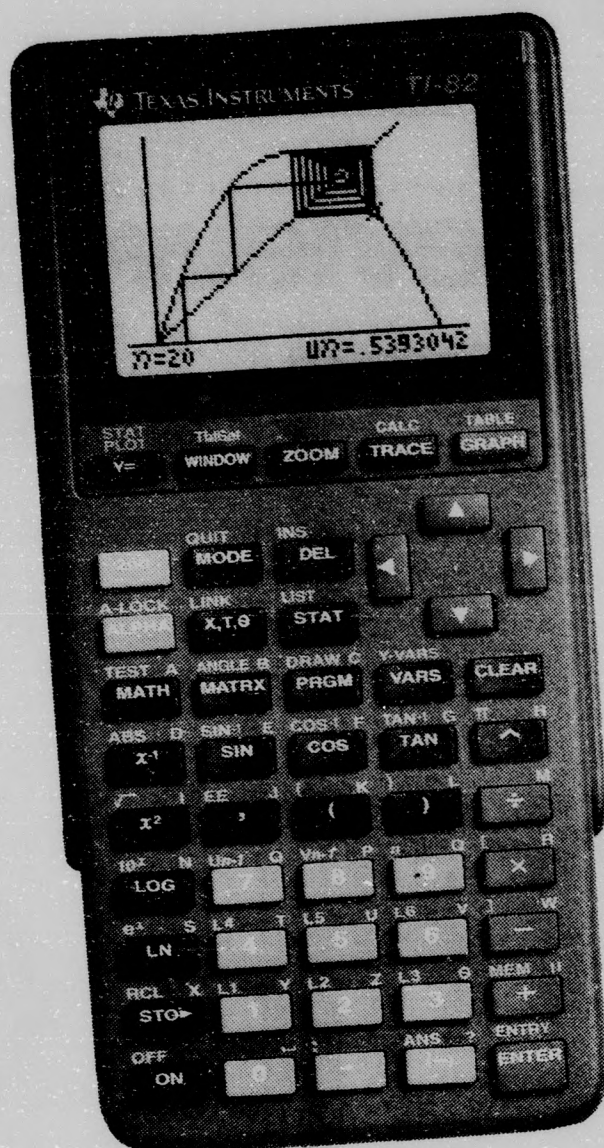
"We're really shooting for a great season this year," said Farina.

"We've got a very athletic freshman with a lot of ability in 6'2" Jenny Meadows out of El Modena High School," said Coach Cummings.

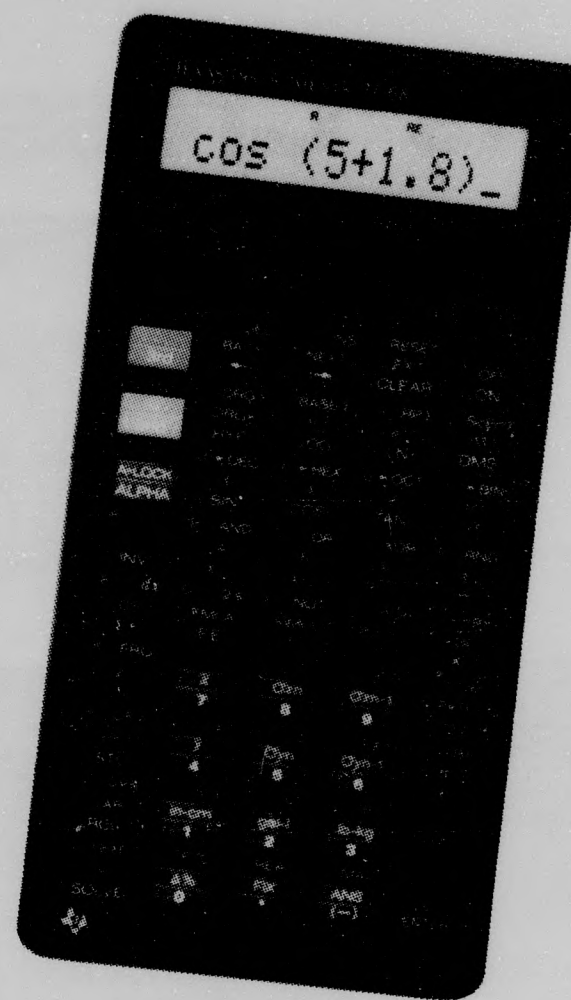
The Dons also recruited a pair of setters from Japan, Sache Hashimoto and Yuki Inagata. Another highly regarded player Kimberly Thomson, joined the team this year.

Golden West College, the Orange Empire Conference champs and defending state champs, figures to be the team to beat this year.

The Dons' first conference game will be at Rancho on Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. against Chaffey College.



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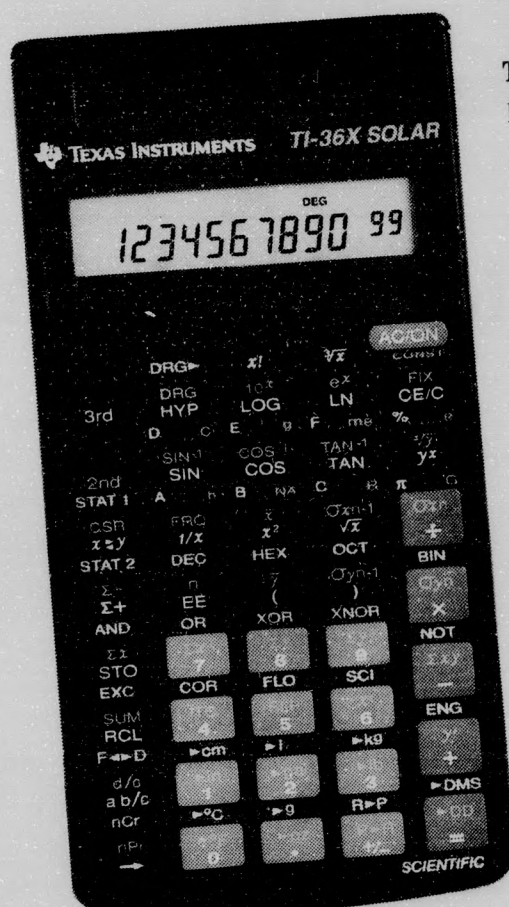


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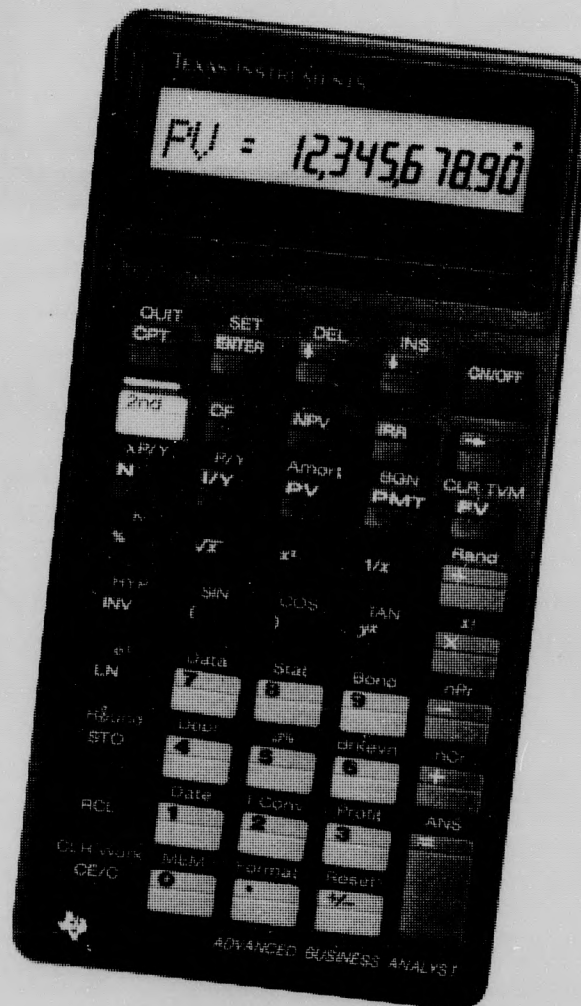
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